

memorial's significance as this country's 'Shrine of Democracy'. President George Bush, actor Jimmy Stewart and many other national and statewide celebrities took part in the event.

In recent years, Mount Rushmore has also been placed on the national stage with its awesome and impressive Independence Day fireworks celebration. Thousands of people descend upon the monument around the July 4th holiday to listen to patriotic music, witness one of the Nation's best fireworks displays and unite in a patriotic spirit.

During his tenure, Wenk helped showcase Mount Rushmore National Memorial to a worldwide audience, numbering in excess of two million visitors annually. These visitors have included presidents, cabinet members, members of Congress, and national celebrities. But I know Dan's biggest reward came in visiting with the general public and answering countless questions from inquiring folks of all ages.

In recent years, Dan shepherded a massive \$30 million renovation project to redesign outdated facilities and expand the visitor experience at the memorial. The expanded amphitheater, the Lincoln Borglum Museum and the Presidential Trail are just a few of the renovations that marked this project. Expanded and renovated parking, dining and gift shop facilities greet today's visitors to Mount Rushmore.

Over the years, Dan has not been afraid to tackle challenging issues affecting Mount Rushmore. He has dealt with the occasional protester and anthrax threat. As the renovation took several years to complete, Dan recognized the importance of continued leadership to oversee the project. It was very important to communicate the status of the project and the intricacies of the rebuilding phases to the local citizenry, many of whom were skeptical of any changes made to the memorial. At times, during the renovation and parking fee debates, Dan tackled the challenge of keeping the local public informed, addressed opponents' questions and letters to the editor, and even answered the occasional congressional inquiry—all with calmness, all with a professional attitude and all with a dedication to the final goal, which was completion of a massive renovation to one of this nation's most prized symbols. As if overseeing the political wrangling was not enough, Dan would sometimes get away from it all and come down from the mountain to don a striped shirt and officiate local basketball games. I do not know which was the bigger challenge: dealing with intricate construction details and the occasional verbal or written jab, or whistling a foul in the final seconds of a tightly-contested high school basketball game between city rivals.

Dan's responsibilities for his new position will include the oversight of planning, design and construction in

national parks throughout the United States. Although this is a big loss for Mt. Rushmore and South Dakota, I know his experience and leadership will benefit the entire country. Dan and I started roughly at the same time. I was first elected to Congress in 1986 and Dan started at Mt. Rushmore in 1985. It has been an honor for me and my staff to work with Dan and his staff, and he will be sorely missed. I have appreciated Dan's insight, honesty and professional attitude over the years. I look forward to continuing my relationship with Dan in his new position and I know that he will show the same professionalism in Denver that he showed in South Dakota.

Congratulations Dan and I wish you and your family the best of luck in Denver and in your new position.●

IN RECOGNITION OF LEE BOLLINGER'S SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

● Mr. LEVIN: Mr. President, today I would like to pay tribute to a dynamic and visionary leader in my home State of Michigan, Mr. Lee Bollinger.

For nearly 5 years, Lee Bollinger has served as the president of one of the world's premier institutions of higher learning, the University of Michigan. During the Bollinger administration, the University of Michigan has experienced a period of dynamic growth and change.

At a time when it is essential to keep higher education affordable for all Americans, it is imperative that universities do all they can to provide a quality education at an affordable price. Lee Bollinger has worked hard to place the University of Michigan in a healthy financial position so that it can meet its financial obligations. The University has operated its fiscal affairs astutely under Lee's leadership. U of M's endowment is now the fourth largest among public universities.

In recent years, some have suggested that university presidents are chosen more for their ability to raise money than for their academic prowess or vision for the modern research university. Despite his success at managing the University's fiscal affairs, Lee Bollinger was not such a university president. He is truly a Renaissance man whose vision of the University as a tool for academic and social progress permeated all that he did while in Ann Arbor.

Lee Bollinger's vision for the University has reinforced Michigan's role as a leader in the arts and sciences. He was instrumental in the construction of the Walgreen Drama Center, which houses the 450-seat theater named in honor of the most famous living American playwright and an alumnus of the University of Michigan, Arthur Miller. In addition, he made it possible to bring the

Royal Shakespeare Company to campus.

The sciences have also flourished under Lee's tenure. He has worked to develop the University's Life Sciences Initiative, which will soon house hundreds of researchers who will probe the human genome and will work to discover new treatments for a variety of diseases. This initiative has the potential to make both the University and the State of Michigan leaders in the emerging field of biotechnology.

My admiration for Lee has also been shaped by his unwavering support of the University's affirmative action policy in admissions. Under his stewardship, the University has made inclusion and diversity its bywords. Lee has steadfastly led the defense of the University's policies in two separate lawsuits that are currently being heard in Federal court, and which may ultimately be heard before the Supreme Court. I thank him for his tremendous commitment to making sure that the University of Michigan continues to provide a diverse learning environment for all of its students. I know the University will continue to fight for these issues even after Lee moves on to his new position as President of Columbia University.

Just last month, Lee was recognized by the Association of Academic Health Centers with the Herbert W. Nicksens Award in honor of his strong advocacy for diversity at the University and in our Nation. It is an award that is well deserved.

As Lee Bollinger leaves Ann Arbor for New York City, I want to take this opportunity to wish him and his wife, Jean, all the best. During his tenure as President, Lee Bollinger enhanced the University of Michigan's stature as one of the premier institutions of learning in the world. I know that my Senate colleagues will join me in congratulating Lee Bollinger on his tenure as President of the University of Michigan. I trust that the Columbia University community will soon come to admire him as much as we have in Michigan.●

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

S. 1786. A bill to expand aviation capacity in the Chicago area.

S. 1789. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN, from the Committee on Governmental Affairs, without amendment:

H.R. 2336: A bill to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure